

# Iacasa

## East Lincoln Crossroads Newest Addition



The East Lincoln Crossroads Revitalization Project is taking 5 dilapidated multi-family houses and renovating them into attractive, safe, and affordable rental options within walking distance of downtown Goshen. These properties were vacant and were safety hazards to the surrounding neighbors. They will now contribute to neighborhood revitalization efforts in an area that is seeing significant changes due to the US 33 reroute.

213 S. 7th St. offers 4 affordable rental units; 1 two-bedroom and 3 single bedroom units. This continues to meet a growing demand for nice living options within walking distance of Goshen's vibrant downtown. It also creates a significant investment in the community that will contribute to safety and home values.



# Mission Above Money



As I adjust to my new role here at Lacasa, I am thankful for the gracious manner in which our 17-year leader, Larry Gautsche, passed me the baton. I have always been proud to be a part of an organization that puts the greater mission ahead of individual success and accolades. Larry's exit embodied this and that is something I hope we can all feel good about.

With a new position comes a new perspective. I get to spend a lot of time both with the big picture of how Lacasa creates positive impact and with the back end of how we support this work. Our tag-line: "Strong Foundations. For Everyone." captures it pretty well. The work we do helps to create a foundation for individuals, households, and neighborhoods to realize potential, experience fulfillment and create contribution. We all benefit from this.

Operating in arenas like quality and affordable workforce housing, personal finance, credit repair, home ownership, foreclosure prevention, real estate rehabilitation, immigration status, and neighborhood engagement is not for the faint of heart. I'm amazed by the complexity of our work and the dedication of our staff members who do the work. To make a difference, you have to be willing to jump into the fray and embrace the challenges, the celebrations, the victories, and the setbacks. Thank you to our staff and board and to all who support our work for doing just this.

I hope and trust you will continue to join us on this journey. What we're doing is making a difference.

Sincerely,

Chris Kingsley  
President/CEO

## Client Success

Luke is working on his Master's in Social Work. Having to worry about a full course load can be hard enough but having to worry about tuition and loans too can make things a lot tougher. Luke reached out to our Financial Empowerment Team and qualified for our IDA Dream\$avers program to use towards his education. "Having the IDA funds available has been really helpful to be able to afford further education. That's given me some relief, so I'm grateful for that."



Judy was struggling to stick to a budget. The challenge of separating needs from wants was always blurred. She was able to attend our Money 4 Life class to get some help on planning and savings. "I honestly don't think I would have been able to save all by myself. Life didn't let me get around to that. Working with Lacasa helped me reach my goal."



# Say hello to our new team members!



**Nayla Jimenez,  
Lead Carpenter**

"It's great to be a member of the Lacasa team and help make an impact in the community. Lacasa has been there for my family and I'm excited to be working for an organization that truly cares for the community."



**Zach Tate,  
Maintenance Technician**

"I am excited to be joining Lacasa as a full time member. I have always looked at Lacasa as a model organization for our community and have wanted to work with them for years. Now I have the opportunity to work FOR them. I couldn't be happier."



**Ruby Duff: Leasing Assistant,  
Water Tower Place**

"I am excited and grateful to be part of the team! I look forward to working with the community to provide affordable housing."



**Lizette Ballinas,  
Intern**

"I am very excited to be part of the team. I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome. I hope to bring a social and cultural perspective as an intern at Lacasa."

## Strategic Plan = Social Enterprise

**Social Enterprise** = an organization or initiative that marries the social mission of a non-profit or government program with the market-driven approach of a business

Lacasa's Strategic Plan is a vision for greater impact in Elkhart County and beyond. This plan is guided by the input of stakeholders in our work and a reflection of the importance of increasing the significant impact that we are together making in this community. As we continue to carry out the vision in our Strategic Plan, Lacasa will be moving into this new **Social Enterprise** model to have greater impact in the community. This impact will allow Lacasa the ability to help more people in the community than ever before. As we progress in our Strategic Plan, we will share more about the Social Enterprise model and what this means for our continued service in the community.



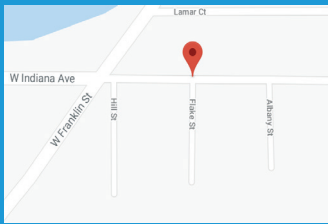
# Upcoming Projects



**114 S 7th St, Goshen**  
**4 Unit Multi-family Apartments**  
**Start: Spring 2018**  
**Completion: Spring 2019**



**The Shoots, Goshen**  
**Solar Installation**  
**Start: Fall 2018**  
**Completion: End of 2018**



**Flake Street, Elkhart**  
**11 Unit Multi & Single Family Housing**  
**Start: Spring 2019**  
**Completion: End of 2019**



**AMBS Permanent Supportive Housing, Elkhart**  
**11 Unit Multi-family Apartments**  
**Start: Spring 2018**  
**Completion: Spring 2019**

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